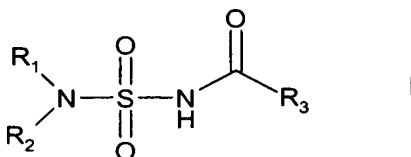


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Original) A compound of formula



wherein either

- R₁ and R₂ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached are piperazinyl, wherein the second nitrogen atom is substituted by (C₁₋₆)alkoxycarbonyl or by (C₆₋₁₈)aryl, which (C₆₋₁₈)aryl is substituted by one or more halogen, (C₁₋₆)haloalkyl, e.g. CF₃, aminocarbonyl,

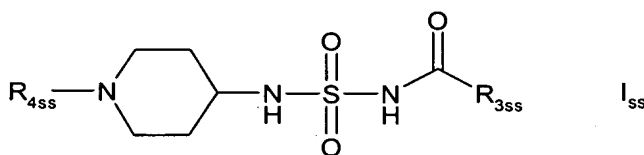
or

- R₁ is hydrogen and R₂ is piperidinyl, attached via a carbon atom of the piperidinyl ring, wherein the nitrogen atom is substituted by (C₁₋₆)alkoxycarbonyl or by (C₆₋₁₈)aryl,

and

R₃ is (C₆₋₁₈)aryl or (C₆₋₁₈)aryl(C₁₋₄)alkyl, which aryl is substituted by one or more halogen, aminocarbonyl, or (C₁₋₆)haloalkyl.

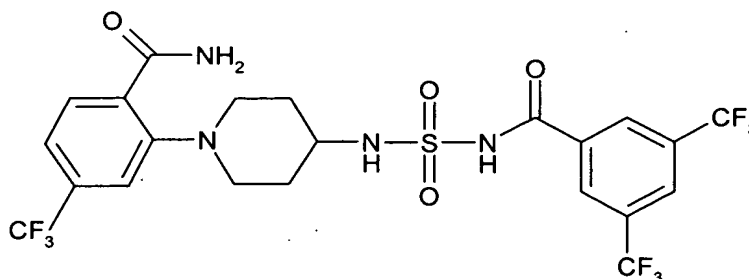
Claim 2. (Original) A compound of claim1 selected from the group consisting of compounds of formula



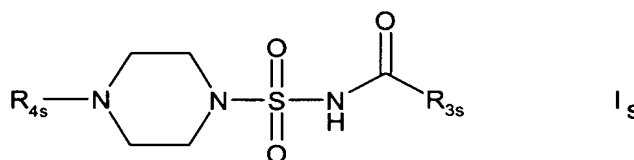
wherein

- a. R_{3ss} is 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl and R_{4ss} is 2-aminocarbonyl-5-trifluoromethylphenyl,
- b. R_{3ss} is 2,3-dichlorophenyl, R_{4ss} is 2-aminocarbonyl-5-trifluoromethylphenyl,
- c. R_{3ss} is 3,5-dichlorophenyl R_{4ss} is 2-aminocarbonyl-5-trifluoromethylphenyl, and
- d. R_{3ss} is 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl and R_{4ss} is tert.butoxycarbonyl.

Claim 3. (Currently amended) A compound of ~~any one of claims 1 or 2~~ which is a compound of formula



Claim 4. (Original) A compound of claim 1 selected from the group consisting of compounds of formula



wherein

- a. R_{3s} is 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl and R_{4s} is tert.butoxycarbonyl,
- b. R_{3s} is 2,3-dichlorophenyl and R_{4s} is tert.butoxycarbonyl,
- c. R_{3s} is 3,5-dichlorophenyl and R_{4s} is tert.butoxycarbonyl,
- d. R_{3s} is 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl and R_{4s} is benzyloxycarbonyl,
- e. R_{3s} is 2,3-dichlorophenyl and R_{4s} is benzyloxycarbonyl,
- f. R_{3s} is 3,5-dichlorophenyl and R_{4s} is benzyloxycarbonyl,
- g. R_{3s} is 3,5-dichlorophenyl and R_{4s} is benzyloxycarbonyl,
- h. R_{3s} is 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl and R_{4s} is 2-aminocarbonyl-5-trifluoromethylphenyl,
- i. R_{3s} is 3,5-dichlorophenyl and R_{4s} is 2-aminocarbonyl-5-trifluoromethylphenyl,
- j. R_{3s} is 2,3-dichlorophenyl and R_{4s} is 2-aminocarbonyl-5-trifluoromethylphenyl, and
- k. R_{3s} is 2-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethyl and R_{4s} is tert.butoxycarbonyl.

Claim 5. (Currently amended) A compound of ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ in the form of a salt.

Claim 6. (Currently amended) Use of a compound of ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of disorders mediated by the action of steroid sulfatase.

Claim 7. (Currently amended) A compound of ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ for use as a pharmaceutical.

Claim 8. (Currently amended) A method of treatment of disorders mediated by the action of steroid sulfatase which treatment comprises administering to a subject in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound of ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~.

Claim 9. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ in association with at least one pharmaceutical excipient.

Claim 10. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 9, further comprising another pharmaceutically active agent.